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Inventor: Application of: Schneider et al.

Examiner: Nabila G. EBHRAIM

Serial No.: 10/630,375

Art Unit: 1618

Filing Date: 7/29/2003

For: Reconstitutable Formulation And Aqueous Suspension Of Gas-filled Microvesicles For Diagnostic Imaging

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT – Applicant Error

Sir:

A ***Corrected Filing Receipt*** issued on October 31, 2006 on behalf of Applicant, Feng Yan. The issuance of the Corrected Filing Receipt is appreciated.

Further review of the Filing Receipt reveals Applicant ***David LAZARUS***' name was inadvertently misspelled by way of a typographical error. Applicant's attorney wishes to correct the oversight made by their error.

As the error to Applicant's name in the original Declaration was a matter of a typographical error, it is believed that the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.48 would not apply. In order to correct the error to the inventor's name so that the family name is identified correctly, a representative from the Office of Initial Examination instructed Applicants' Attorney's paralegal to submit the following documents in order for a Corrected Filing Receipt to issue:

- 1) a drafted Declaration showing the correct spelling of the family name:
- ***LAZARUS vs. LAZURAS***;
- 2) Exhibit "A": a copy of the red-inked Corrected Filing Receipt with changes noted therein;
- 3) Exhibit "B": a copy of the originally executed Declaration; and
- 4) Exhibit "D": a copy of the recorded Corrective Assignment which verifies ***LAZARUS*** is in fact the true.

Applicants' attorney respectfully requests the issuance of a Corrected Filing Receipt directed to the error identified on the October 31, 2006 *Corrected Filing Receipt* –

-- inventor ***David LAZURUS***

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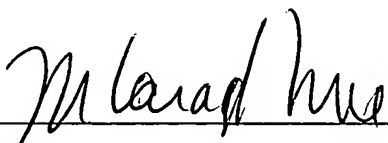
-- inventor ***David LAZARUS***

Applicants' attorney further requests the PTO records be updated to reflect the correction(s) as indicated in this immediate letter and revised copy of the Filing Receipt.

No fees are believed to be due in the filing of this request. However, if any fees are deemed necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2168.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 11, 2007



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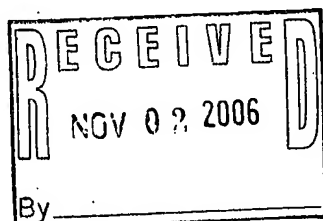


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Receipt is acknowledged of this regular Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please mail to the Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria Va 22313-1450. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

Applicant(s)

Michel Schneider, Troinex, SWITZERLAND;
 Feng Yan, Grand-Lancy, SWITZERLAND;
 Jean Brochot, Feigeres, FRANCE;
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Power of Attorney:

LAZARUS

M Noone--37197
 Bryan Peckjian--54370

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 10/23/2003

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/630,375**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

EXHIBIT "A"

Title

Reconstitutable formulation and aqueous suspension of gas-filled microvesicles for diagnostic imaging

Preliminary Class

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PROTECTING YOUR INVENTION OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

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Applicants also are advised that in the case of inventions made in the United States, the Director of the USPTO must issue a license before applicants can apply for a patent in a foreign country. The filing of a U.S. patent application serves as a request for a foreign filing license. The application's filing receipt contains further information and guidance as to the status of applicant's license for foreign filing.

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Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15

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Michel SCHNEIDER
Jean BROCHOT

Feng YAN
David LAZARUS

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Nature of Conveyance/Execution Date(s):

Execution Date(s) September 8, 2003

- ☐ Assignment ☐ Merger
☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of Name
☐ Joint Research Agreement
☐ Government Interest Assignment
☐ Executive Order 9424, Confirmatory License
☒ Other Correction of name

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

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4. Application or patent number(s):

☐ This document is being filed together with a new application.

A. Patent Application No.(s):

10/630,375

Reel: 014687

frame no.: 0414

B. Patent No.(s):

Additional numbers attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

5. Name and address to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved:

1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 1.21(h) & 3.41) \$ 40.00

- ☐ Authorized to be charged by credit card
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☐ None required (government interest not affecting title)

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Authorized User Name M. Caragh Noone

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9. Signature:

M. Caragh Noone

Signature

December 6, 2006

Date

M Caragh Noone, Reg. No. 37,179

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

This declaration is of the following type: (check one) ☒ utility; ☐ design;

☐ supplemental; ☐ national stage of PCT

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if multiple names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

RECONSTITUTABLE FORMULATION AND AQUEOUS SUSPENSION OF GAS-FILLED MICROVESICLES FOR DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

the specification of which: (check one) ☒ is attached hereto; ☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and is/was amended on _____ (*if applicable*); ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (*if any*).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s): **M. Caragh Noone, Reg. No. 37,197; Bryan M. Peckjian, Reg. No. P-54,370**, as my attorneys and/or agents with full powers of substitution and revocation, and to receive the patent and to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Full name of first inventor: Michel Schneider

Inventor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Residence: Troinex, Switzerland

Citizenship: Switzerland

Post Office Address: Route d'Annecy 34 – CH 1256 – Troinex/ Switzerland

Full name of second inventor: Feng Yan

Inventor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Residence: Grand-Lancy, Switzerland

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Post Office Address: Chemin des Champs Gottreux 7 – CH 1216 Grand-Lancey/ Switzerland

Full name of Third inventor: Jean Brochot

Inventor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Residence: Feigères, France

Citizenship: France

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(Check one) Sheets containing additional joint inventors ☒ are, ☐ are not attached hereto.

Full name of fourth inventor: David Lazarus

Inventor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Residence: Saint-Julien en Genevois, France

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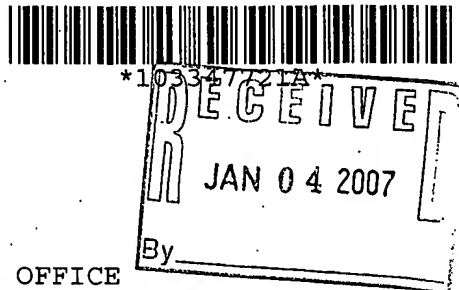
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DOC DATE: 09/08/2003

ASSIGNOR:

LAZARUS, DAVID

DOC DATE: 09/08/2003

EXHIBIT "C"

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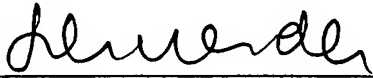
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Inventor's signature:  Date: 8.9.2003

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Full name of second inventor: Yan Feng

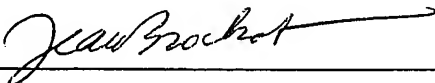
Inventor's signature:  Date: 4 September 2003

Residence: Grand-Lancy, Switzerland

Citizenship: France

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Full name of Third inventor: Jean Brochet

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Citizenship: France

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(Check one) Sheets containing additional joint inventors ☒ are, ☐ are not attached hereto.

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Inventor's signature:  Date: 04.09.03

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